

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein: the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supports and is capable of swaying freely relative to the frame in at least one lateral direction; and the bed further comprises elastic restraining means for damping the lateral sway of the mattress support in the at least one direction; and the elastic loops are provided by a plurality of loops of elastic.
2. (CANCELED).
3. (CANCELED).
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one pair of elastic supports extend between the mattress support and the frame in opposite directions from a normal to the plane of the mattress support, to provide additional damping of the lateral sway.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein: the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supports and is capable of swaying freely relative to the frame in at least one lateral direction; and the bed further comprises elastic restraining means for damping the lateral sway of the mattress support in the at least one direction; and ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ wherein at least some of the elastic supports are provided by a single length of elastic cord.
6. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 5 wherein separate elastic cords are provided at opposite ends of the bed.
7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 wherein the elastic supports are provided by a plurality of loops of elastic.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein: the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supports and is capable of swaying freely relative to the frame in at least one lateral direction; and the bed further comprises elastic restraining means for damping the lateral sway of the mattress support in the at

least one direction; and as claimed in claim 1 wherein the elastic supports are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 wherein the mattress support is substantially rigid.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least three elastic supports.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 further comprising means for restraining upward movement of the mattress support.

12. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 11 wherein the upward restraining means are elastic cord.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 11 wherein separate means for restraining upward movement are provided at opposite sides of the bed.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 13 wherein the elastic supports are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed and the elastic upward restraining means are provided only at the opposite sides of the bed.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 further comprising means for limiting downward movement of the mattress support.

16. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 15 wherein the downward limiting means is substantially inelastic.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 15 wherein the downward limiting means comprises a cord or chain provided on one of the frame and the mattress support, the cord or chain being removably engaged with the other of the frame and the mattress support.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in any one of claims 15 wherein the downward limiting means are provided at each corner of the mattress support.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 further

comprising means for further limiting lateral movement of the mattress support.

20. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 19 wherein the means comprise loops of cord or chain provided on the bed frame and on the mattress support at each corner.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A bed as claimed in claim 20 wherein the loops of cord are elastic.

22. (CANCELED)

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24. (CANCELED)

25. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 5 wherein at least one pair of elastic supports extend between the mattress support and the frame in opposite directions from a normal to the plane of the mattress support, to provide additional damping of the lateral sway.

26. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 2 wherein the elastic supports are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed.

27. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 2 wherein the mattress support is substantially rigid.

28. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 5 further comprising means for restraining upward movement of the mattress support.

29. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 28 wherein said means for restraining upward movement are elastic cord.

30. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 28 wherein separate means for restraining upward movement are provided at opposite sides of the bed.

31. (NEW) A bed as claimed in claim 30 wherein the elastic supports are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed and the elastic upward restraining means are provided only at the opposite sides of the bed.